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CONSERVATION OF TIGER POPULATION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various national parks in the country including Kaziranga losing their tiger populations;

(b) if so, the number of tigers available in all the national parks in the country;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve its strength and to conserve them;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b) The landscape-wise country level tiger population, which also includes the National Parks/Wildlife Sanctuaries within such tiger landscapes including Kaziranga, is assessed once in every four years using the refined methodology. The said assessment has shown an increasing trend with a population estimate of 1706, lower and upper limits being 1520 and 1909 respectively in the recent all India tiger estimation (2010), as compared to the last such country level estimation of 2006, with an estimate of 1411, lower and upper limits being 1165 and 1657 respectively. The details of tiger estimation for the year 2006 and 2010 are at Annexure-I.

(c), (d) & (e) The milestone initiatives taken by the Government of India to foster tiger conservation are at Annexure-II.